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Year 1 Bubble Closure From today Monday 9th November 2020

Dear Parents,

We have been notified today that a child in our Year 1 bubble has tested positive for Covid-19. We have been in consultation with the Health Protection Team at Public Health England and have taken their advice. As a result, the children in the Year 1 bubble will now be isolating for 14 days until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This is a precautionary measure in order to reduce the possible spread of the virus to family, friends and the wider community. Others in the same household as Year 1 children, including siblings, will not need to self-isolate unless the Year 1 child becomes symptomatic themselves.

Parents must not bring any Year 1 pupils to the school when dropping or collecting siblings. This is in contravention of the government guidelines as all Year 1 pupils must now isolate for 14 days. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

We know that you may find this concerning, and I want to reassure you that we are continuing to take all the necessary steps, as set out in our risk assessment, to reduce the risk of transmission within and between bubbles. Our bubbles remain very separate from each other throughout the day, and we are rigorously applying our cleaning and hygiene measures within and outside the bubbles. Our school risk assessment is available on our website.

If you have a child in Year 1, we will have contacted you separately regarding the approach that we have in place. For all other children, please attend school as normal unless you are contacted by Public Health England and advised to self-isolate; or if your child or a member of your family becomes symptomatic.

Please remember that if your child or any household member develops symptoms you and all household members must then remain at home and do not send your child to school. Do not go outside your home for any reason i.e. to work, school, or public areas, and do not use public transport or taxis. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

As a reminder, we have summarised the Government guidance regarding Coronavirus symptoms and ways in which to reduce the transmission below.

### **Symptoms of COVID19**

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

For most people, coronavirus (COVID19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID19

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing)

Anyone who lives with a person who has developed any of the symptoms above must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. Stay at home guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

How to stop COVID19 spreading:

These are the most important things you can do to protect yourself and others from coronavirus:  
Do:

- follow the government's rules on social distancing
- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Further information is available at: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/)

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely,



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